

NEWS OF INDIANA and MICHIGAN

EXPRESS OFFICE ROBBER STILL FREE

Official Finds Sum Taken From Safe Totaled Less Than \$600 Instead of \$900.

ELKHART, Aug. 19.—A complete examination of the books of the Wells-Fargo Express Co., whose local office was robbed last Saturday night, shows that the total sum taken will amount to less than \$600, instead of \$900 as was roughly estimated by Assistant Agent Earl Harrison, who is in charge.

The suspect, Isadore Nachett, is still at large.

W. T. Olmstead of Decatur, Ill., an authorized road agent of the express company, arrived Tuesday night and with Express Agent C. F. Harrison, who returned from his vacation last evening, is making an investigation.

"The Wells-Fargo Express Co. will spend \$1,000 to capture this thief," declared Mr. Olmstead. "The company believes that by making an example out of crooked employees it serves its own interests to the best and tends to curb any criminal tendency that may exist in other employees. I know that if Nachett is captured he will be prosecuted to the limit."

Martin Tavernier, who lived five miles south of the city on the Oakland avenue road, died Wednesday morning. Death was caused by paralysis after an illness of three weeks.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Frank Kreider, will be held at the Olive church at 2 o'clock Friday. Friends will meet at the home at 1 o'clock. Burial will be in the cemetery at the Olive church.

Mrs. Polly Shinn, widow of Isaac Shinn, who died five years ago, passed away at 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the home of a niece, Mrs. Grace Landon, two miles north of the city on the Edwardsburg road. Mrs. Shinn, who was nearly 75 years old, suffered an apoplectic stroke four months ago and had been bedfast. A sister, Mrs. George Shriner of this city, survives.

Mrs. Estelle Jarrett of 112 Michigan st., Wednesday caused Attorney Hall to prepare an affidavit against one Harry Drake for hitting and muzzling a dog to run at large without being muzzled. The action is under sections 1 and 3 of ordinance No. 453.

Mrs. Jarrett says that she would not prosecute the dog if Drake would have the dog, a large yellow canine, killed.

It bit her infant child through one hand.

Two youths were taken from N. Y. C. train No. 28 Wednesday morning, charged with stealing an automobile. They registered as Oscar Martin, 16, of 165 Locust st., Detroit, and Mitchell, 14, of 412 Fifth st., Detroit. Mitchell confessed, the police say, that the car was stolen in Toledo. The arrests were made by Officer Nihart.

IS IN "COOP" AGAIN
Breach of Promise Suit defendant is Getting Free Meals.

MONROE, Mich., Aug. 19.—Five months ago the bondsmen of Henry Herbert of Newport surrendered him to the circuit court where a judgment had been rendered against him for trifling with the affections of Miss Alvin LaBranch of Detroit, and since that time he has been in court more frequently and upon more legal points than any other prisoner in the history of Monroe.

April 5 last she began paying his board upon the threat of the sheriff to release him otherwise and that she has contributed \$36.40 for Herbert's sustenance and room in the county jail. This is nearly 10 per cent of the \$1,000 verdict she received, payment of which he is resisting and that she has compelled him to disclose where his property is and a habeas corpus claiming that he is illegally detained, are before the supreme court, but will not be reached until October, so Herbert has nearly two months more to wait, and Miss LaBranch about \$40 more to invest before the legal snarl is untangled.

Herbert, it is alleged, is acting as a sort of general adviser to his fellow-prisoners. Recently, it is said, he advised several charged with drunkenness to plead not guilty, and all did but one, who got off with a \$12 fine, a second one withdrew his plea of not guilty, telling Judge Mathews that he pleaded not guilty on Herbert's advice, whereupon the judge assessed him \$16, and remarked that Herbert's advice would yet get somebody into the Detroit house of correction without the privilege of paying a fine.

HEAVY BOAT FINES
Extreme Penalty Is Imposed by the Government.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 19.—Fines assessed by the government on 25 motorboat owners at Terre Haute, as a result of an investigation made by William Merkle, local navigation inspector, amounted to \$3,850, according to Mrs. Margaret Vele, deputy collector of port. In most of these cases the boat owners were fined for violation of more than one section of the federal motorboat laws and a fine of \$100 was assessed for each offense. The fines assessed on 10 boat owners at Madison, Ind., amounted to \$3,600. Mrs. Vele said that part of these fines had been remitted, she asserted, Merkle will inspect boats at Vincennes and Lafayette on the Wabash river in a few days. Merkle says that in the future, the extreme penalty will be assessed against all boat owners found violating the law, as they have had ample warning.

DANCE ON PAVEMENT
Albion Homecoming This Week Has Big Attractions.

ALBION, Mich., Aug. 19.—Albion's first annual home coming being held from Thursday to Sunday of this week will have two unique features. One will be a free masquerade dance to be held in the open air. One block of pavement in the center of the city will be roped off for the event. The other will be an exhibit of ancient photographs of present citizens and former residents. Several hundred have already been entered in the exhibit.

SHERIFF AFTER MAN

Appeals to Fellow Officers to Find Horse Thief.

JACKSON, Mich., Aug. 19.—Sheriff Linderschnitt of Ann Arbor wants an individual named Claude Titus, familiarly known as "Shorty," and he wants him mightily badly if a card received from the Ann Arbor sheriff by Sheriff Davis of Jackson may be taken as evidence.

"Have you seen 'Shorty'?" Do you know that Sheriff H. G. Linderschnitt of Ann Arbor would like to see him? "Shorty" stole a horse from a sheriff and ran away. His right name is Claude Titus. He is 33 or 34 years old. He chews tobacco constantly, chews his words when he talks, and weighs about 150 pounds. Did you ever see a sheriff that did not want to get a man who stole something from him? Do what you can to get 'Shorty.' I got him a good job on a farm after he had served 30 days and this is the thanks I get for doing him a good turn."

The contents of the card have sent a glow of satisfaction over Sheriff Davis, for "miserly loves company."

And the Jackson sheriff has had to consider the possibility of losing the barn of his jail was robbed of a lawn mower and pair of rubber boots a short time ago.

EXCITING BEGINNING
Honeymoon in Michigan Starts With Runaway.

MUSKEGON, Mich., Aug. 19.—The honeymoon of Mrs. Lujani Canero, a bride of but a few minutes, started off with a rush. Leaving the office of Judge Prescott, where they were married, the bride and her husband went to a carriage which was waiting for them. As the bride stepped into the rig the horse ran away. Mrs. Canero was thrown to the ground in the wild dash and was seriously bruised.

AGREEMENT BROKEN
DECLARES OFFICIAL

Water Works Trouble at Bloomington Breaks Out Afresh This Week.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Aug. 19.—The Bloomington water works question, which was supposed generally to have been settled at the meeting of an arbitration committee last week, broke out in fresh place this week, when Mayor John G. Harris gave to a newspaper a statement declaring that the "gentlemen's agreement" reached at the meeting of the arbitration committee had been broken, and that the charge that the agitation against the present city administration in connection with the water works is caused by a number of men who tried to obtain control of the water works and take it from the city.

Mayor Harris charges that the arbitration committee agreed that the city administration was to have the public water commission and its members here and make a survey for the new pipe line between Leonard's dam and the old water works plant, and that the chamber of commerce then went ahead and broke the agreement.

The public service commission. The mayor says that as far as he and the city council are concerned, the pipe line will not be built unless the public service commission deals directly with the city administration.

REPORT MANY DEATHS
Tuberculosis Claimed 237 Victims During July in Michigan.

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 19.—Two hundred and thirty-seven persons died from tuberculosis in Michigan during July, according to the monthly report of the secretary of state. This is a slight decrease from the preceding month.

During July, 2,932 deaths occurred in the state, compared to 3,308 births. The deaths correspond to an annual death rate of 11.4 per 1,000 estimated population, while the birth rate is 24.4. By ages there were 893 deaths of infants under one year old; 141 deaths of children one to four years old, both inclusive, and 885 deaths of elderly persons 45 years and over.

Tuberculosis continues to lead the death list among the various diseases and cancer ranked a close second with 216 deaths. One death is reported from snake bite during the month and one from umps.

"SLIDE FOR LIFE" FATAL
Man Entertaining at Wabash Carnival Meets Death.

WARASH, Ind., Aug. 19.—George W. Stewart, 40 years old, is dead of injuries received when he fell 85 feet to the pavement from a cable on which he was making a "slide for life." The slide was made from the top of the court house to a business block, three squares away. Stewart made two successful slides and was within eight feet of his landing on the third trip when too much slack in the wire stopped him.

While attempting to work his way along the cable to the landing he lost his hold and fell to the pavement. The attraction was for the entertainment of carnival visitors, hundreds of whom saw him fall. His wife, who was standing directly beneath him when he fell, was the first to reach his side. Stewart's widow and three children survive.

COUPLE IS KILLED
Man and Wife in Automobile Which Turned Over.

YAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bear of Stockwell were killed today when their automobile turned over one mile east of Crane Station. Mr. and Mrs. Bear were on their way to Lafayette when the accident happened, and there were no witnesses. Bear was a butcher in Stockwell and was well known throughout the county.

The bodies of the man and woman were found under the overturned machine by passing farmers. A small son and daughter survive.

ANN ARBOR AVIATOR KILLED AT ERIE, PA.

Donald Gregory, 24 Years Old, Falls 300 Feet During Flight.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Aug. 19.—Word was received here of the death at Erie, Pa., of Donald Gregory, of Ann Arbor, while making an airplane flight. Something went wrong with his machine while he was about 300 feet up, and machine and aviator fell to the ground. The machine was wrecked and Gregory, who was taken out of the wreckage, died two hours later from his injuries.

Gregory was flying at Erie in connection with the great lakes naval militia maneuvers, being attached temporarily to the cruiser Essex of Toledo. He had started to make a flight across the city, with the intention of landing on the Essex, but had hardly started when the accident occurred.

Gregory was 24 years old and a resident of Ann Arbor. He had experimented with aeroplanes several years, and one of his first attempts at flying was in Detroit, where he flew around Belle Isle in a machine of his own design. Last week he went to Erie on invitation of Lieut. Harold Corbin to share the latter's aeroplane during the naval militia's maneuvers there.

OFFICIALS SQUABBLE
Seymour Engineer Declares That Mayor Cannot Oust Him.

SEYMOUR, Ind., Aug. 19.—E. B. Douglass, who had the office of civil engineer for almost eight years, has been asked by Mayor John A. Ross to resign and surrender his keys, but refuses to comply on the ground that the power of dismissing him rests solely with the city council. That the demands of the mayor might be enforced, a padlock has been placed on the door of the engineer's office in the city building, so that he cannot enter except when accompanied by a policeman, in whose possession the key was placed. Reasons for demanding the resignation were not made public by the mayor, although it is said he questions the ability of the engineer to supervise certain work now in progress.

Mayor Ross contends that he has the power to appoint and dismiss an engineer, he also has the authority to dismiss him as he sees fit. Douglass, it is reported, asserts there is no justifiable ground on which he can be dismissed, and also declares that he must first be filed with the council and a regular trial conducted. He also says it requires a two-thirds vote of the council to dismiss him.

Douglass continues his work and says he does not intend to quit until the authority of the mayor is proved.

HOGS WILL BE KILLED
Develop Hoof and Mouth Disease After Using Serum.

MT. VERNON, Ind., Aug. 19.—The hoof and mouth disease broke out in Posey county and hogs that had been inoculated with anti-hog cholera serum on the farm of Albert and E. E. Black developed the disease. They will be applied to the Black brothers value their hogs at \$2,250.

A federal quarantine was placed on Posey county last week because 23 hogs belonging to the Black brothers had been vaccinated with serum from a Chicago firm which was declared to be infected. The farm of Ennis Traford also was placed under a quarantine because of the outbreak of the work of vaccinating the hogs. Dr. P. A. Mollen of the United States department, and Drs. T. A. Sigler and F. A. Bosler, assistant state veterinarians, inspected the hogs and pronounced the hoof and mouth disease. The disease is not expected to spread, as all precautions have been taken.

SMOTHERS TO DEATH
Bluffton Boy Is Suffocated While Helping His Father.

BLUFFTON, Ind., Aug. 19.—Henry, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Engeler of Pennville died of suffocation in a corn chute in his father's elevator. The father was filling a car with shelled corn from a bin, and when the chute clogged the boy was sent to the bin to investigate. One hour later the boy had not returned, but his father supposed he was still at the bin. The chute became clogged again, and Mr. Engeler opened a small air leading into it from the outside of the building. The boy's leg protruded from the opening, and it was found that he had fallen into the bin and was suffocated in the shelled corn.

JOB IS NOT WANTED
Hard Work and No Pay Offered by Michigan State.

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 19.—Gov. Ferris is all ready to appoint a commission of five persons to investigate conditions of the poor of Michigan, in accordance with an act passed by the last legislature, but that body failed to provide for payment of any expenses incurred by the commission and Auditor Gen. Fuller informs the governor that the state cannot pay one cent of expense, no matter how much the act is needed.

The governor is looking around for five men who want to do a whole lot of work, receive no compensation and pay considerable from their own pockets.

ASKED TO KEEP SUIT
Admitted Stealing Clothes But Could Not Return Them.

OWOSSO, Mich., Aug. 19.—Fred Gray pleaded guilty in justice court to stealing a suit of clothes. He did not mind the sentence of 30 days on the county roads imposed on him, but he owned the clothes, made a demand that they be returned. "It is the only suit I have, judge," said Gray, but Stevens was determined and a suit was found and the exchange made.

MAY INCREASE RATES

Recent Fire in Muncie Business Section Is Responsible.

MUNCIE, Ind., Aug. 19.—As a result of visits here by representatives of various fire insurance companies involved in the losses growing out of the fire that destroyed the Rowlett department store last Friday night, as well as by representatives of the state authorities, it is probable that rates may be raised in the business district and that a complete overhauling of both the fire department and the water works system will be demanded. Field Inspector Stone, for the state board, is known to have prepared an unfavorable report concerning conditions here. According to unofficial information, the insurance concerns are the state authorities believe the water pressure is too low, the fire hydrants are too small, the water mains are in bad condition as well as too small and poorly placed, and that the fire department is inadequate as to men, equipment and the number of stations.

WOMAN HANGS SELF
Pioneer Uses Rope and Ladder While Family Sleeps.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Aug. 19.—After suffering from cancer for four years, Mrs. Fletcher Fitzpatrick, 80 years old, committed suicide at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Norton, in the Wabash river bottoms, by hanging herself. The family had retired. Mrs. Fitzpatrick, it is believed, left her bed and after dressing, hung herself with a small rope which she tied to the top rung of a ladder which was leaning against the side of the house.

She stood on a box to adjust the rope and, after tying it around her neck, kicked over the box. The body was found by her son-in-law, who, on becoming alarmed about her absence from the room, started a search. Mrs. Fitzpatrick was a widow and is survived by six children.

SURPRISE THIEVES
Shoots at Burglars as They Are Leaving House.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Aug. 19.—The homes of C. C. Parlon and G. J. Newton at Romney were entered by burglars and a large sum of money was obtained from the Parlon home in said the Newton home the robbers were surprised by Mrs. Newton, and as they were leaving the house she fired two shots at them. It is believed that the bullets took effect. The town was aroused by the shooting, but the burglars were not found.

CONFESES THEFT
EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 19.—William Brown, age 22, claiming Indianapolis as his home, confessed he had robbed several residences here. He was held in the circuit court under bond of \$500.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING
SAGINAW, Mich., Aug. 19.—Harry W. Smith was struck by lightning while working on the road near Chesaning and instantly killed. He was 22 years old and unmarried.

BRIEFS
SAGINAW, Mich.—Frank Ross, 30 years old, believed to be a native of Detroit, died here from blood poisoning, which followed a fall from a hay stack July 4.

SAGINAW, Mich.—The will of Mrs. Sarah Alice Brown leaves \$1,000 to the First Congregational church and the same amount to the Young Woman's Christian association.

JACKSON, Mich.—Leonard Binder, 542 N. State st., was found dead in bed by members of his family. He had been dead several hours. He was 53 years old.

JACKSON, Mich.—The examination of John Carson, charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Palmer, his mother-in-law, and Edward Palmer, has again been adjourned, this time to Aug. 24.

ALMA, Mich.—The annual Illinois picnic will be held Saturday of this week. At the annual blowout between 600 and 700 former residents of Illinois who are now property owners in Gratiot county meet for a big time.

OWOSSO, Mich.—The Owosso improvement association is making a fight against rats in the city. Rats are seeking quarters in the stores and hundreds have been discovered in a dumping ground near the heart of the city.

PRINCETON, Ind.—Eight head of cattle belonging to Logan Smith and Munford Watkins of near Wheeling were killed when lightning struck a tree Tuesday under which they were standing.

FRANKLIN, Ind.—During an electrical storm a horse belonging to William Mitchell was struck by lightning and killed. Three other fine driving horses were in the same pasture, and were seriously injured.

KENDALLVILLE, Ind.—Stephen Gawonvitch was fined \$39 in justice court Tuesday for having two large still nets in his possession. The arrest was made by George W. Lindemuth of Fort Wayne, a deputy game warden.

ZIONSVILLE, Ind.—After the severe electric storm Tuesday, I. M. Mills, coal dealer, found a cow had been killed in his barn. The door had been blown open and the cow had gone in and was lying dead beneath an electric drop light.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind.—Leslie L. Burdman, who was employed by the Martinsville Gas and Electric company, and who was severely shocked recently while making repairs to an electric wire, has brought suit in the circuit court against the company for \$10,000 damages.

MUNCIE, Ind.—It is the intention of the city officers, according to Mayor Kollin H. Bunch, to hold in Muncie during the week of May 23, 1916, a celebration of the Indiana centennial. He has issued a proclamation calling on citizens to prepare to observe the occasion properly.

BROOKVILLE, Ind.—The Franklin county teachers' institute will hold its annual session in the assembly room of the public school building Monday, Aug. 23 to 25. The instructors will

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be George L. Roberts of Lafayette; Harriet Eleanor Cook of Washington, and W. Ethelbert of Cincinnati.

ANDERSON, Ind.—A petition is being circulated at Alexandria for a local option election there. Six saloons are now operating there. The petition will be filed with the Madison county commissioners early in the September session of the board. The "drys" of Alexandria have organized for the purpose of carrying on the campaign with these officers: President, J. W. Perkins; vice-president, Edward Vermillion; secretary, George Crouse; assistant secretary, Virgin Day; treasurer, George W. Kelly. There are also 15 precinct committees.

LAFAYETTE, Ind.—While returning home from work, William Nave, 33 years old, passed under the Monon tunnel at Brown st. and was caught by a switch engine and a cut of cars. The tunnel is a narrow one, and there was no room at the sides for him. He lay down in the middle of the track, but the engine pilot did not clear him. He was dragged a considerable distance by the engine. He is at St. Elizabeth hospital with a crushed chest, a sprained back and probable internal injuries. There is little chance for his recovery.

HILLSDALE, Mich.—The 65th annual Hillsdale county fair will be held an entire week, Sept. 27-Oct. 2. Last year for the first time the fair held over Saturday, and that precedent will be followed this year.

LUDINGTON, Mich.—Ernest Nelson, who confesses to having broken his parole by stealing beer from a Pere Marquette freight car, has been returned to Iowa. His sentence to the reformatory, imposed for a similar offense committed about 18 months ago, was from one to 15 years.

PORT HURON, Mich.—Clyde McLean of Detroit, who recently came to this city in search of work, grew despondent because of his inability to secure work, and attempted to end his life by taking a mixture of poisonous drugs. Prompt action by a patrolman in supplying an antidote saved McLean's life. A physician later pumped the poison from McLean's stomach.

GETS MEXICAN SNIPER
BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Aug. 19.—An American sharpshooter shot and killed last night a Mexican "sniper" who had been firing from the south side of the Rio Grande. The Mexican was hit on the head as he looked out from his shelter.

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